

## **ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION**

A turf maintenance machine and method of use thereof, said turf maintenance machine for traversing a turf surface having debris elements and turf fill material disposed thereupon, the machine including a main sweeper brush for engaging the debris elements and the turf fill material and transferring the debris elements and the turf fill material toward a debris hopper, and further including a filter device for receiving the transferred debris elements and the turf fill material, and for separating the debris elements from the turf fill material, wherein the debris elements are captured by the machine for subsequent disposal and the turf fill material is returned to the turf surface as the machine traverses the turf surface.

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